

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 22. The pending claims are believed to be as listed below:

1. (currently amended) A method of displaying a used wine cork while simultaneously preventing residue on the cork from staining a surface on which the holder rests; said method comprising:

 a) providing a wine cork display holder having a base and at least two sidewalls; wherein said at least two sidewalls comprises a pair of sidewalls having a length of between 0.25 inches and 4.0 inches and spaced between 0.5 inches and 1.5 inches apart; and

 b) placing a cork from an opened wine bottle into a said wine cork display holder; wherein said wine cork display holder comprises a base and at least two sidewalls.

2 – 3. (cancelled)

4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said base combines with said at least two sidewalls to form a trough.

5. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein said trough has a cross-sectional shape of a “U.”

6. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein said trough has a cross-sectional shape of a “V.”

7. (original) The method of claim 4 wherein said trough has a cross-sectional shape of a “L.”

8. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said base has a first end and a second end, and is sloped upward from said first end to said second end.

9. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said wine cork display holder further includes at least one end wall.

10. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein said base has a first end and a second end, and said end wall is positioned at said first end of said base, and said base is sloped upward from said first end to said second end.

11. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said wine cork display holder further includes at least two end walls.

12. (withdrawn) A wine cork display holder comprising a base and a pair of sidewalls; wherein at least one of said pair of sidewalls has a length of between 0.25 inches and 4.0 inches; and wherein said pair of sidewalls is spaced between 0.5 inches and 1.5 inches apart.

13. (withdrawn) The wine cork display holder of claim 12 wherein said base combines with said pair of sidewalls to form a trough.

14. (withdrawn) The wine cork display holder of claim 13 wherein said trough has a cross-sectional shape of a "U."

15. (withdrawn) The wine cork display holder of claim 13 wherein said trough has a cross-sectional shape of a "V."

16. (withdrawn) The wine cork display holder of claim 13 wherein said trough has a cross-sectional shape of a "U."

17. (withdrawn) The wine cork display holder of claim 13 wherein said wine cork display holder further includes at least one base member to support said trough.

18. (withdrawn) The wine cork display holder of claim 13 wherein said trough slopes downward from a first end of said trough to a second end of said trough.

19. (withdrawn) The wine cork display holder of claim 12 wherein said wine cork display holder further includes at least one end wall.

20. (withdrawn) The wine cork display holder of claim 19 wherein said holder slopes downward from a first end of said trough to a second end of said trough.

21. (withdrawn) The wine cork display holder of claim 12 wherein said wine cork display holder further includes at least two end walls.

22. (currently amended) A method of displaying a wine cork while simultaneously preventing residue on the cork from staining a surface on which the holder rests; said method comprising:

a) providing a wine cork display holder comprising a base member, sidewalls, and a trough; wherein said sidewalls form a wedge-like shape with a curved point comprising a first sidewall between about 2 to 4 inches in length, between about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height, a front edge and a back edge; a second sidewall between about 2 to 4 inches in length, between about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height, a front edge and a back edge, and a third wall between about $\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, between about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height, a front edge and a back edge; wherein the front edge of said first sidewall and the front edge of said second sidewall meet and form a curve for about the first quarter of the length of said first side and said second side, and the back edge of said first side meets with the front edge of said third side and the back edge of said second side meets with the back edge of said third side thereby forming a wedge-like shape with a curved point; said trough further comprises two sidewalls between about $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length and between about $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1/8$ inches in depth, and an end wall between about $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length and between about $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1/8$ inches in depth; wherein said trough sidewalls and ends walls form a similar wedge-shape with a curved point comparable to the size of said base and said trough is completely enclosed within said three sidewalls; and

_____ b) placing a cork from an opened wine bottle into a said wine cork display holder, wherein said wine cork display holder comprises a base member, sidewalls, and a trough; wherein said sidewalls form a wedge-like shape with a curved point comprising a first sidewall between about 2 to 4 inches in length, between about ½ inch to 1½ inches in height, a front edge and a back edge; a second sidewall between about 2 to 4 inches in length, between about ½ inch to 1½ inches in height, a front edge and a back edge, and a third wall between about ¾ to 1½ inches in length, between about ½ inch to 1½ inches in height, a front edge and a back edge; wherein the front edge of said first sidewall and the front edge of said second sidewall meet and form a curve for about the first quarter of the length of said first side and said second side, and the back edge of said first side meets with the front edge of said third side and the back edge of said second side meets with the back edge of said third side thereby forming a wedge-like shape with a curved point; said trough further comprises two sidewalls between about 3½ to ½ inches in length and between about 1½ to 1/8 inches in depth, and an end wall between about 1½ to ¾ inches in length and between about 1½ to 1/8 inches in depth; wherein said trough sidewalls and ends walls form a similar wedge shape with a curved point comparable to the size of said base and said trough is completely enclosed within said three sidewalls.

23. (withdrawn) A wine cork display holder for displaying a wine cork having wet wine residue thereon, while simultaneously preventing the residue from staining a surface on which the holder is placed; wherein said wine cork display holder comprises a base member, sidewalls, and a trough; wherein said sidewalls form a wedge-like shape with a curved point comprising a first sidewall between about 2 to 4 inches in length, between about ½ inch to 1½ inches in height, a front edge and a back edge; a second sidewall between about 2 to 4 inches in length, between about ½ inch to 1½ inches in height, a front edge and a back edge, and a third

wall between about $\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, between about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height, a front edge and a back edge; wherein the front edge of said first sidewall and the front edge of said second sidewall meet and form a curve for about the first quarter of the length of said first side and said second side, and the back edge of said first side meets with the front edge of said third side and the back edge of said second side meets with the back edge of said third side thereby forming a wedge-like shape with a curved point; wherein said trough further comprises two sidewalls between about $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length and between about $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1/8$ inches in depth, and an end wall between about $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in length and between about $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1/8$ inches in depth; said trough sidewalls and ends walls form a similar wedge-shape with a curved point comparable to the size of said base and said trough is completely enclosed within said three sidewalls.